

Hi Fans,

This month I promised you a typical CARPENTER day at home; so we'll begin in the wee hours of the morning between 2:00 and 3:00 am. This is about the time Richard and Karen arrive home from A&M Recording Studio after a fourteen hour recording session. They're dog-tired and their king size beds look good to them. They are soon fast asleep and if visions of anything dance through their heads, it's visions of "sleeping in" and arising at their leisure. But not so! By 9:00 am the phones are ringing and managers, agents, and business and professional associates are requesting time for meetings, picture taking, interviews, publicity, tapings, etc., etc.

They amble downstairs to the sunny kitchen to enjoy a light breakfast. (They love juice and cereal and rarely have time to eat a heavy breakfast.) Richard is usually dressed in jeans and tee shirt, Karen prefers to enjoy her meal in a robe and fuzzy bedroom slippers. Both have brushed their hair before coming to the breakfast table. They try to scan the morning paper and read some of their fan mail while eating.

Breakfast over they shower, shampoo their hair and dress and are ready for their first meeting or interview. If they're lucky, it will be in their home and if on schedule, they might have time for a quick game of pool in between meetings. Likely than not, the appointment has lasted longer than scheduled and the second party is waiting. When the meetings or interviews are scheduled away from home, they find they must head many times in a direction many miles away from the studio. They are obliged to fight time and freeway traffic to reach the studio in time for their session there. They may have strings or woodwinds coming in and they don't want to keep them waiting. Back at the studio, they know they will be there for another lengthy session and won't see their beds until the wee hours again. But, they love their work and and truly pour their personalities into music.

Days off are rare indeed; but when they do pop up occassionally, they just want to relax. You might find Karen in the pool or sunning herself on the patio. In between naps, she "roughs it up" with Lady and Mush who have been patiently waiting and come tail wagging for love and affection. Richard's two loves on a day off are listening to records and tapes and/or buying new ones. He loves to stand or sit on the floor and listen to them in the middle of his music room. He has installed the finest turntable, amplifiers and speakers - four huge ones. He has a tremendous collection of singles and albums and a collection of fine old rare 33's. An ardent admirer of Spike Jones - he has a number of his records which he treasures. Karen sometimes join Richard in the music room if she isn't out on doing a bit of shopping.

It can be said that they never have a day off as they are always thinking ahead and planning the next concert - or new album.

Arguments between them are very rare. There is a deep understanding between them and a strong brother-sister love for each other. With the busy schedule you have just read they don't have time to fight. They are intelligent youngsters who have learned to enjoy each others company -- even in silence on the way home from A&M after a long hard day at the studio.

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